

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION

SALEM, CONNECTICUT

MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2009

Present

Bob Appleby Jim Burke
Peter Lee
Kim Bingham
Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Absent

Rich Cirillo Joe Dalton
Al Giansanti Pam Henry
Sue Spang /Chairperson

Call to order:

Member Jim Burke called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

1. Minutes:

M/S/C (Bingham/Lee) to approve March minutes as presented. Vote: Approved unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report:

No Treasurer's Report presented.

3. Public Comment/Guests/Correspondence:

No Public Comment/Guests/Correspondence presented.

4. Additions and Revisions:

Addition of the following:

New Business
H. Memorial Day Parade

M/S/C (Appleby/Lee) to add H. Memorial Day Parade to New Business. Vote: All approved.

5. New Business:

a. Budget

J. Burke reported the funds have been reinstated by the BOF that were previously removed. The SRA has been decreased by 2%. J. Burke reminded the Commission of S. Spang's email urging members to support the budget at the referendum.

B. Appleby mentioned the GLFD may not hold their Haunted Hayride this year.

b. Press Box Update

J. Burke reported S. Spang had applied for a waiver for the horizontal wind rule (structure must withstand 110mph wind) that was rejected by the DEP. S. Spang has requested forms to attend a DEP three member panel meeting for the waiver.

c. Tennis Court Lighting/P&Z

J. Burke reported he had a meeting with M&M concerning the lighting. Plans will be presented to P&Z on Tuesday April 21.

Work will begin in May on the courts by M&M.

The south end of the courts is cracked due to the water retention problem. Public Works crew will begin work on the catch basin to see if the lines are blocked.

d. 8th Grade Fundraising

P. Lee will discuss with A. Giansanti and Bob Banker about the 8th grade class selling ice cream and doing face painted as a fundraiser for baseball opening day.

It was the consensus of the Commission for support for P. Lee to discuss the fundraising directly with A. Giansanti and B. Banker.

e. Appointment of Recreation Terms

J. Burke stated K. Bingham, B. Appleby and A. Giansanti need to be sworn in by the Town Clerk for their 5 year term on the Recreation Commission.

f. Formation of Parking Lot Safety Subcommittee

J. Burke reported S. Spang would like to have a subcommittee formed concerning the parking at the RHR complex. The car parking has become inadequate for the volume of use the complex is receiving. Concern was expressed about about the gravel lot at the playground end and cars parking over the septic system area. There is no money in the budget for the building of another lot. Discussion took place about path being put in from the upper lot by the town garage to the tennis courts south end. The subcommittee will need to address the available parking now; extending the existing parking lot; overflow parking and use of Town Hall parking lot; moving of school buses; etc. Appointment of subcommittee will be postponed until the May Recreation Committee meeting.

g. Recreation Clerk Report

D. Weston reported the bus trip to Boston will be canceled due to lack of interest.

At least 10 students are needed to run the babysitting class. A decision will be made by Wednesday April 14 on the class.

Residents are signing up for tennis camp and Mad Science camp for the summer.

h. Memorial Day Parade

J. Burke reported S. Spang questioned about holding the bike decorating contest this year. Ribbons and trophies have been handed out in the past with an expense of approximately \$300.00. Discussion took place as a possibility of scaling back on the trophies and only handing out ribbons as a cost cutting measure.

J. Burke inquired if this could possibly be an 8th grade fundraiser for the students to run the contest and the commission would pay them \$100.00 to do the event. They would have to review the bikes at Pratt and Morgan Roads before the parade. No age limit will be placed on the entrees. Announcements of winners will take place at the green after the parade.

M/S/C (Appleby/Bingham) for a \$100.00 donation be made to the Salem 8th Grade Class to run the bike decorating contest at the Memorial Day parade pending agreement by the 8th Grade Fundraising Committee. Vote: All approved.

6. Old Business:

a. Baseball

Schedules are in place, Opening Day will be on April 25.

Discussion took place about the mowing of the fields this year, if the layoffs and no summer help for the Public Works will result in a change for the field upkeep.

b. Soccer

Registration has taken place. Games start in May. Camp is the second week of August.

c. Basketball – No reported presented.

d. Multi Purpose Path – No report presented.

e. Tennis/Basketball Courts

J. Burke discussed putting a gate on the south end of the court. Paving and fencing will be done in May. Pedestrian access was discussed.

f. Field Outreach – No report presented.

7. Adjournment:

M/S/C (Bingham/Appleby) to adjourn meeting at 8:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane Weston

Recording Secretary